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1. On 28 July 1951, the North Camp at Altengrabow (M 53/Z 00) was guarded by artillerymen. No movements were noticed in the yard, and the gun sheds were empty. Trucks _____ left the camp, and trucks _____ were parked on the road leading past the camp. A captive balloon with basket was seen northeast of the North Camp at an altitude of about 400 meters. The heavy AA guns previously emplaced at Klingenberg north of Doernitz were no longer seen. Trucks _____ were identified on the Magdeburgerforth-Doernitz road. From 30 to 40 artillery pieces, and 80 to 100 trucks, including _____ were parked on the parking lot for artillery pieces southwest of the North Camp. The DP station previously described was still located there.

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2. Soviet soldiers unloaded 11 boxcars on the railroad spur in front of the ration supply depot. Four 122-mm artillery pieces were unloaded at the ramp of the railroad station. Local residents said that 50 to 60 trucks and 24 artillery pieces have arrived by road from the direction of Brandenburg on 25 July. An artillery unit was quartered on the premises of the former German installation where cartridges were filled with powder. From 15 to 20 guns and 40 to 50 trucks were observed with the unit. A column of 8 SU-26 SP guns and 4 JS tanks was seen on the road leading to Crossluebars.
3. On 28 July, the following gunfire was heard from the artillery range:

9 to 9:45 a.m. Individual firing of artillery pieces at intervals of 3 or 4 minutes and individual reports of AA guns, with the burst clouds at an altitude of 4,000 meters, but with no targets being visible.

10:30 to noon Four individual reports by artillery pieces, followed by a salvo.

1 to 2 p.m. Individual firing of AA guns at intervals of about 3 minutes, with the burst clouds at an altitude of 3,000 to 4,000 meters.

2 to 4 p.m. Individual firing of artillery pieces at intervals of 4 to 5 minutes. The captive balloon was pulled down at 4:30 p.m.
4. Vehicles observed in the Altengrabow area were numbered:

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which included the rotation of troops between Altengrabow and Rathe-
now during the period from 18 to 21 July and the arrival of a component of
the 1st Mecz Div on one train on 23 July and of a component of the 31st AAA
Div aboard one train on 24 July 1951.

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. The SP guns and the tanks mentioned in the present report
may have belonged to: the 1st Mecz Div, and the artillery unit, which arrived
on 25 July 1951; to the 18th (?) Hw How Arty Brig of the 6th Arty Div from
the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne in Brandenburg. However, the
situation at the troop training grounds appears to have remained virtually
constant until 28 July 1951, since the vehicle numbers reported belong
exclusively to units whose number series have been previously observed in the
Altengrabow area.

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